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SUBJECT: TELECOMMUNICATIONS -- HARMONIZATION AT THE EUROPEAN
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1. THE EC COMMISSION DIVISION CHIEF RESPONSIBLE FOR
TELECOMMUNICATIONS (LEON SMULIAN) TOLD US ON APRIL 11
THAT THE CONFERENCE EUROPEENNE DES ADMINISTRATION DES
POSTES ET DES TELECOMMUNICATION (CEPT) WHICH GROUPS 26
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AT ITS BI-ANNUAL PLENARY CURRENTLY
TAKING PLACE AT TORREMOLINOS, SPAIN, IS EXPECTED TO ADOPT
RESOLUTIONS WHICH WILL TOTALLY RESTRUCTURE THAT ORGANIZATION.
IF ADOPTED, THESE RESOLUTIONS WOULD HAVE THE CEPT
TAKE ON RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SINGLE
EUROPE-WIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT,
THE HARMONIZATION OF TECHNICAL STANDARDS, AND TYPE APPROVAL.
SMULTAN COMPARED A RESTRUCTURED CEPT TO THE US FEDERAL
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COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION.

2. DEPARTMENT AND OTHER INTERESTED USG OFFICIALS MAY OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ON EC TELECOMMUNICATION AND CEPT DEVELOPMENTS FROM SMULIAN WHO WILL BE IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK. HE WILL BE ATTENDING A TELECOMMUNICATIONS MEETING BEGINNING ON APRIL 16 AT AIRLIE HOUSE AND COULD MEET WITH US OFFICIALS ON APRIL 22-24. SMULIAN MAY BE REACHED THROUGH THE EC DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON. GREENWALD UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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